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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board ("STB")

Re: STB's environmental assessment for the abandonment of 2.95 miles of CSX Transportation railroad line, between M.P. 00Q-219.55 and M.P. 00Q-222.50 (Docket #AB-55 [Sub-No. 634X])

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials received on September 3, 2003, for the above indicated project in Bloomington, Bloomington and Perry townships, Monroe County, Indiana.

Based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects.

Be advised that if any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In the event that artifacts or features are discovered during the implementation of the Federally assisted project, activity, or program and a plan has not been developed, it is the Federal agency's responsibility to make reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

In regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the following properties within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that they meet the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due to their historical and architectural significance:

The Adams Brothers Houses and Carriage House at 431 - 441 South College Avenue (Site #105-055-90176 per the *Bloomington, Monroe County Interim Report*) is the work of a master Chicago architectural firm, Holabird and Roche.

The Henderson House at 748 South Morton Street is a good example of the five bay, central entrance, I house form.

Additionally, we have identified the following properties listed in the National Register within the probable area of potential effects:

The Seminary square Park at the intersection of College Avenue and East Second Street (105-055-80129) was listed in the National Register on September 19, 1977.

The Cochran-Lindley House 405 North Rogers, part of the Near West Side Historic District, was individually listed in the National Register on June 20, 1979.

The Courthouse Square Historic District was listed in the National Register on December 18, 1990.

The Prospect Hill Historic District was listed in the National Register on March 14, 1991.

The Second Baptist Church at 321 North Rogers, part of the Near West Side Historic District, was individually listed in the National Register on September 14, 1995.

The Near West Side Historic District was listed in the National Register on February 14, 1997.

The Steele Dunning Historic District was listed in the National Register on September 22, 2000.

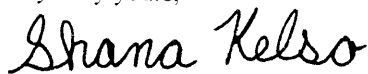
However, based on the information provided to our office, we believe that there will not be any alterations to the characteristics of the above identified historic properties qualifying them for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register (*see* 36 C.F.R. § 800.16[i]).

Therefore, upon completing its own identification and evaluation efforts, it would be appropriate for the STB to analyze the information that has been gathered from the Indiana SHPO, the general public, and any other consulting parties and make the necessary determinations and findings. Refer to the following comments for guidance:

- 1) If the STB believes that a determination of "no historic properties affected" accurately reflects its assessment, then it shall provide documentation of its finding as set forth in 36 C.F.R. § 800.11 to the Indiana SHPO, notify all consulting parties, and make the documentation available for public inspection (36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4[d][1] and 800.2[d][2]).
- 2) If, on the other hand, the STB finds that an historic property may be affected, then it shall notify the Indiana SHPO, the public and all consulting parties of its finding and seek views on effects in accordance with 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4(d)(2) and 800.2(d)(2). Thereafter, the STB may proceed to apply the criteria of adverse effect and determine whether the project will result in a "no adverse effect" or an "adverse effect" in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.5.

We look forward to receiving notice of the STB's findings. *A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on January 11, 2001, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference.* If you have questions about our comments, please call our office at (317) 232-1646. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Bill Mangold. Questions about historic buildings or structures pertaining to this project should be directed to Shana Kelso.

Very truly yours,



for: Jon C. Smith
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